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Stephanie Hirner
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RE: CAM Testing for the Jeffrey Energy Center Unit 1

Dear Ms. Hirner:

On March 20, 2012, we received a request from Westar Energy for relief from Consent Decree paragraphs 70, 71, 82 and 84, and associated stipulated penalties while Westar completes compliance assurance monitoring (CAM) testing for Jeffrey Unit 1. Westar also asks for approval to exceed the indicator ranges established in the approved CAM Plan/NSPS Alternative Monitoring Plan while the testing takes place.

EPA appreciates the advance notice of CAM testing. We recognize that in order to develop the data necessary to demonstrate the conditions under which the PM limits are being met, Westar must temporarily detune the control devices during testing and, therefore, may temporarily emit above the emission limitations set forth in the Consent Decree. Because the test program is consistent with the goals of the Consent Decree to reduce PM emissions and improve overall performance of the ESPs, EPA will exercise enforcement discretion related to the testing. If Westar is unable to meet the Consent Decree limits as a result of the CAM testing, EPA requests that Westar describe such circumstances in detail in the 10-day report required by Paragraph 115.

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Knodel of my staff. He can be reached at (913) 551-7622 or knodel.jon@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith
Chief, Air Permitting and Compliance

cc: Russ Brichacek
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